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REETH RURAL DISTRICT.

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R E E T H R U R A L D I S T R I C T.

N O R T H Y O R K S.

Officials. M.O.H. W. C. Speirs.

Sanitary Inspector. F. W. Stoney.

Gentlemen,

The following is my report for 1937.

The number of acres in the area is 74,538, and the statistics are based on an estimated population of 2,191 persons; the density is therefore 19 persons to each square mile. The number of inhabited houses according to the Rate Book is 790. A penny rate yields £39. 0. 0. The rateable value is £9170. 0. 0.

The chief industries are agriculture, and the quarrying of Boulder Flint.

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S.

	Total.	M.	F.	Rate per 1,000 of Population.
Live Births.	27.	18.	9.	12.
Legitimate.	26.	17.	9.	
Illegitimate.	1.	1.	-	
Still Births.	-	-	-	-
Deaths.	37.	16.	21.	17.

2.

Deaths from Puerperal Causes.	Nil.
Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis.	Nil.
Other Puerperal Causes.	Nil.
Deaths of infants under 1 year.	Nil.
Deaths from Cancer.	8.
Deaths from Whooping Cough.	Nil.
Deaths from Diarrhoea under 2 years.	Nil.
M.O.H.	W. C. Speirs, M.B., Ch.B. Edin.
Sanitary Inspector.	F. W. Stoney, who holds the A.R. San.I. Cert. R.S.I.

There are no Nurses employed by the Council.

Laboratory Facilities.

Throat swabs, stools and blood are sent to London by the M.O.H.

Sputa are examined gratis by the County.

The Council has an arrangement with the Darlington Fever Hospital for the admission and treatment of Infectious cases. For their removal to Hospital the Council has an arrangement with Richmond Corporation, Yorks.

Ambulance Facilities.

The district is well served by the Red Cross at Richmond. There are also two private ambulances in neighbouring towns for hire.

There are no clinics or treatment centres. No hospitals.

Nursing.

There is now only one Nursing Association working in the District; the Upper Swaledale Nursing went defunct early in the year. The nurse has her C.M.B Certificate and serves the whole of the District in accordance with the 1936 Act.

Infectious Diseases.

An outbreak of Scarlet Fever occurred in the Parish of Melbecks in April. The real source was never accurately traced, but a case recently discharged from a London Fever Hospital came to the District shortly before the outbreak. Other notifiable diseases call for no comment. The removal to Hospital of infectious cases is taken full advantage of.

Water.	Page 5 and 6.
Rivers and Streams.	" 6.
Drainage.	" 7.
Public Cleansing.	" 7.
Schools.	" 8.
Milk.	" 8.
Meat and Food.	" 8.
Bugs.	" 15.
Deaths.	" 14.
Tuberculosis.	" 14.
Cancer.	" 15.



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1. W A T E R. In various parts of this Rural District the water supplies were found to be inadequate. During the year 1937 schemes for the better supply of water to Healaugh, Gunnerside and Muker were prepared and the works in connection therewith have been completed. These villages are now adequately supplied with water sufficient for drinking and general domestic purposes.

Owing to the supply for Eskeleth being discoloured and faintly contaminated a filter was installed and all traces of impurities have now been removed.

The water supply to Arkengarthdale was extended in order to provide additional properties with water. Approximately sixty-five yards of one inch galvanized iron water main was laid and the cost was shared between the Council and the owners of the properties concerned.

Complaints were received from the owner of property situated in Marrick stating that he was without a sufficient supply of water for domestic uses. The existing main was extended to this property and 192 yards of water main were provided by the Council in order to ensure a sufficient supply of wholesome water being available.

Several complaints of a shortage of water were received from the village of Fremington. The main was tested and found to be defective. A new water main was provided and there is now an ample supply of water to Fremington.

Certain works of repairs were carried out during the year to the water storage tanks at Keld and other villages in the area.

During the summer months of the year there was a very serious shortage of water for domestic purposes at Reeth. This was due to the fact that the main was defective in several places. Repairs were carried out immediately and the supply was augmented by diverting a new spring into the storage tanks. Precautions were also taken to avoid waste and at times the water was turned off at nights.

The householders of Grinton rely upon a privately owned supply for their water which supply seems to be sufficient to meet all demands. Although there is at Grinton a water supply provided by the council it is unsatisfactory. On the whole Grinton is adequately supplied with water.

At Whaw a good supply has been maintained throughout the year.

The villages of Angram and West Stonesdale were also served with a well maintained supply.

2. R I V E R S A N D S T R E A M S. The river Swale is the natural means of drainage for a large part of the area and in several places it is grossly polluted by household and other refuse being dumped along the river banks and into the river itself.

The river and streams in the area are contaminated in this fashion, and although notice boards warning persons against this method of refuse disposal the nuisance still continues to exist.

The stream running through the village of Grinton was at one time also heavily polluted in this manner, sewage being discharged into the stream, but has since been abated. A sewerage scheme was provided by the Council and W.Cs. have taken the place of the defective conveniences of former times.

3. DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE. A proper sewerage scheme for the village of Grinton was provided by the Council and the works in connection therewith were completed during the year. The scheme comprises 200 yards of 4" and 500 yards of 6" Sanitary pipes, a proper septic tank, Sludge Pit and Filter. The whole of the properties in the village are embraced in this scheme.

At Reeth the overflow from the Reeth Sewerage Works was allowed to run through an open channel and discharge into the stream nearby, and several complaints were received. This nuisance was remedied during the year by providing and laying a proper 6" effluent drain. It was also found necessary to relay a section of the sewer and to provide a manhole for inspection purposes.

A defective stone drain which was in such a state as to be a nuisance was relayed with proper 9" Sanitary Pipes.

At Marrick most of the houses have their own septic tank but some of the properties discharge their sewage into a water course without any previous treatment.

The villages of Thwaite and Fremington have no proper sewerage schemes.

4. PUBLIC CLEANSING. There are no arrangements made by this Rural District Council for the collection of House Refuse or the emptying of Earth Closets, Cesspools or Privies.

Tips are provided throughout the area for the disposal of such refuse but owing to them being so far removed from the villages are little used.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION. The position in this area is as follows:-

	No. of houses.	No. of privies.	W.C's.
Gunnerside.	73.	67.	40.
Healaugh.	30.	20.	16.
Muker.	31.	25.	18.
Keld.	14.	11.	6.

Each of the above mentioned villages are provided with proper sewerage schemes.

The majority of the properties in Reeth have been converted to the water carriage system.

S C H O O L S. The Sanitary arrangements and water supplies to the Schools in this Rural Area were maintained in a satisfactory condition throughout the year.

M I L K S U P P L Y. During the year inspections were carried out under the Milk and Dairies Acts and Orders.

The North Riding of Yorkshire County Veterinary Inspectors also examine Cowsheds and Dairy Cattle throughout this district and their reports are forwarded to this Council for their consideration and action.

M E A T A N D F O O D. In this District there are 2 Licenced Slaughterhouses and four licenced slaughter men. During the year 108 visits of inspection were paid to slaughterhouses and 78 carcasses of beef, 26 carcasses of pigs and 416 carcasses of sheep and lambs were examined. No meat was condemned as unfit for food.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned:-

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed.				-	-
Number insp.	-	78	-	416.	26.
All diseases except tuber- culosis.	-	-	-	-	-
Whole car. condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage.	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis.					
Whole carcase condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Part condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage.	-	-	-	-	-

1. Inspection of Dwelling houses during the year:-

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 28.
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 44.
- (2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925. Nil.
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... Nil.
- (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... 1.
- (4) Number of Dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. ... 15.

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of formal Notices.

Number of defective Dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local Authority of their officers... 15.

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year:-

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, and 16, of the Housing Act, 1936.

- (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... Nil.
- (2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:- Nil.
- (a) By owners... Nil.
- (b) By Local Authority in default of owners... Nil.

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:

- (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. ... Nil.

(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices.

- (a) by owners... Nil.
 (b) by Local Authority in default of owners... Nil.

(c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made. ... Nil.

(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.. ... Nil.

(d) Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made.. ... Nil.

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit. ... Nil.

4. Housing Act 1936. Part IV. Overcrowding.

(a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year... 1.

(2) Number of families dwelling therein ... 1.

(3) Number of persons dwelling therein ... 9.

(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year... Nil.

(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year... 1.

(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases ... 2.

(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding. ... Nil.

(e) Any other **particulars** with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report ... Nil.

Notifiable Diseases other than Tuberculosis.

Disease.	Total cases notified.	Cases admitted to hospital.	Total Deaths.
Small pox.	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever.	6	5	1
Diphtheria.	1	-	-
Enteric.	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	1	-	-
Pneumonia.	1	-	-
Other diseases gen. notifiable.	-	-	-
Erysipelas.	1	-	-
Opthalmia Neonato.	1	-	-
Other diseases notifiable locally.	-	-	-
T O T A L.	11	5	1

A G E S. Analysis of cases notified.

Under 1 year.	1.
1 - 2 years.	1.
2 - 3 years.	-
3 - 4 years.	-
4 - 5 years.	-
5 - 10 years.	3.
10 - 15 years.	3.
15 - 20 years.	-
20 - 35 years.	1.
35 - 45 years.	-
45 - 65 years.	1.
65 years upwards.	1.
	11.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Period.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-

DEATHS DURING 1937.

	M.	F.
Respiratory Tuberculosis	-	-
Other tuberculosis.	-	-
Cancer.	2	6
Nephritis.	2	-
Digestive Dis.	1	-
Premature Birth.	-	-
Suicide.	-	-
Other violence.	-	-
Other defined diseases.	4	3
Cerebral Haem.	1	6
Heart Disease.	2	3
Bronchitis.	1	2
Other Resp. diseases.	1	-
Influenza.	1	1
Scarlet Fever.	1	-
Total.	16.	21.

Of the deaths during 1937 2 were over 90 years of age, 8 were over 80 years of age, 21 were over 70 years of age.

CANCER.

There has been no special effort made during the year as regards the increase in cancer cases. Suitable cases as soon as recognised are sent to a large hospital in a nearby town, which is not in this Riding. No investigations made.

DEATHS FROM CANCER.

At age 47	1
" " 67	2
" " 69	1
" " 72	1
" " 76	1
" " 79	2
	8.

Bugs, etc. There is no trouble in your district from bed bugs of other similar parasites.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Respectfully yours,

M. C. SP... ..

M.B., Ch.B., M.O.H. etc.

